

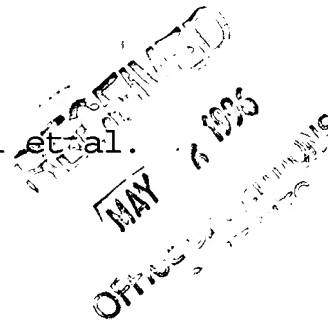


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From: Deputy Director, Group 2500
To: Office of Petitions
Subject: Withdrawal from Issue
Applicant: Katsuhiko Shimohigashi et al.
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It is requested that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for the following purpose: To reopen prosecution.

The issue fee has been paid. It is directed that this application be withdrawn from issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 and returned to the jurisdiction of examining Group 2500.

The examiner is authorized and directed to take prompt appropriate action on this case including notifying applicant of the new status of this application. Return this application promptly to the Office of the Director of Group 2500.


Jin F. Ng, Deputy Director, Group 2500